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# BOS Waive Brush Fees

In preparation for the fire season the Gila County Board of Supervisors has waived fees for brush to residents to encourage them to bring in their green waste that includes, grass clippings, trees, tree limbs, pine needles and brush to the Russell Gulch & Buckhead Mesa Landfills free of charge until June 8 to assist homeowners in clearing property of fire hazards. Residents are limited to 2 trips per day.

Any trash, brush mixed with trash or commercial haulers will be charged the regular rate at the scalehouse.

In partnership with RPAP, Globe, Tri-City, Tonto Basin, Payson and Canyon Fire Departments with the Gila County Solid Waste Department, a form is available to apply for a 50% refund of landfill fees for the brush removed from residential property creating defensible space for wildfire

Safety. Contact your local fire department for more information. Please keep all your scalehouse receipts dated between 5/7/03 and 6/7/03 that are labeled brush and ask the attendant to include your name on the receipts, turn these in to the Solid Waste Department along with the form available at the scalehouse and certification from the fire department for your refund. If a commercial hauler is clearing your property, ask for an itemized statement and a copy of your landfill receipts.

The landfills will also accept Alkaline (flashlight), Lithium (cell phone), and Nickel Cadmium (hearing aid) batteries. Please put your batteries in a plastic bag and drop off at the landfill scalehouse.

Questions, call Sharon Radanovich, Solid Waste Manager, 425-3231 x8531.

## Walking Challenge Winners

Although, the E-Walkers (GCIT Department) won the Wellness Team Walking Challenge held in April with an average 17, 917 steps per day, the Public Works Division had a few of their own winners that they'd like to recognize! Overall, *Copper District Roads came in at 4th Place with an average 13,706 steps per day.* And in the individual total contest, *Fred Lavin (Copper District Roads) won with an average of 23,608 daily steps* so he also received a contest prize. According to the Gila County Wellness Coordinator, Jacque Griffin, there were approximately 300 County employees who turned in their paperwork and completed the contest. We congratulate all you on your hard work and thanks to those of you from Public Works who participated.

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## Administration

**The Globe Fire Department** recently issued a news release on Maintaining Your Defensible Space Around Your Home. Trees & shrubs continue to grow, plants drop their leaves and needles. Like other parts of your home, defensible space requires maintenance. Use the following checklist to determine if additional work or maintenance is necessary for your home: \* Trees & shrubs are properly thinned and pruned within the defensible space \* Roof and gutters are clear of debris \* Branches overhanging the roof and chimney are removed \* Chimney screens are in place and in good condition \* Grass & weeds are mowed to a low height \* An outdoor water supply is available, complete with a hose and nozzle that can reach all parts of the house \* Fire extinguishers are checked and in working condition \* The driveway is wide enough. The clearance of trees and branches is adequate for fire and emergency equipment \* Road signs and your name & house number are posted and easily visible \* There is an easily accessible tool storage area with rakes, hoes, axes and shovels for use in case of fire \* You have practiced family fire drills and your fire evacuation plan \* Attic, roof, eaves and foundation vents are screened and in good condition \* Trash and debris accumulations are removed from your defensible space \* For further info, contact the Globe Fire Department at 425-4432.

## Engineering

**Terry Solberg began working** for Gila County in 1971 as a mechanic. In 1979, Terry started working at Pinto Valley Mine and continued there until it closed. He then went to work for a Geotechnical Engineering firm in the Phoenix area and has worked on a variety of projects in Arizona. In March of this year, he returned to Gila County as the Fuel Management Technician. He has proven to be a valuable asset to Gila County and the Engineering Department. Terry is married and has one son who just graduated from Globe High School.



In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and bowling. And as was mentioned in our last newsletter, John Beene is also a new employee. He came to Gila County in April to work part-time as the County Engineer. He previously worked for ADOT as Senior Resident Engineer in the Globe District. Prior to ADOT he spent 26 years with the United States Forest Service as a Forest Engineer in the Southwest Region covering New Mexico and Arizona. John, a graduate of the University of Tennessee is a Licensed Professional Engineer and Registered Land Surveyor. John is married with two sons and four grandchildren. Besides enjoying semi-retirement, he likes to travel and square dance. Welcome Terry and John! At the Board of Supervisor's meeting May 6th, Tom Homan and Daniel Blaisdell accepted an award on behalf of Engineering for working on the Sheriff's Parking Lot.



## Facilities Management

**Ty Harmon** is a multi-talented Building Maintenance Technician who came to work for Facilities in November 2001. Ty's many skills & fun personality are a great asset to Facilities. Ty and



Misti are the proud new parents of a baby boy, Rhett was born April 15 and weighed 7lbs,6oz and was 20.5 inches long. Rhett will have lots of fun with his sisters, Rebecca, Morgan, Laci, and Dalli. Too, at the May 6th Board of Supervisor's meeting, Gary Denton, Ty, and Bob Hickman accepted an award on behalf of Facilities for their work on the Sheriff's Parking Lot.



**Crack sealing has really been keeping the Road Departments busy.** Some of the completed chip seals include:

McKinney Avenue, Central, Main, Roberts Drive, Globe Canyon and Golden Hill. In June, the chip seal machine and some of the Copper Region Crew will be going to Payson to assist the Timber Region in completing their chip seal projects. In other projects, they have resurfaced Bonita Creek, and approximately 5 miles on the Control Road. Also, they have completed the Locomotive Drive paving project and are now working on some changes and upgrades for the Tonto Basin Yard. They have installed culverts on the Shreeve Lane and have resurfaced some roads in Tonto Basin. The Timber Region Shops have broken their previous record of 30 days without an accident...the new record is 685 days! Good Job. Casey Stuart has resigned her position to open a Home Day Care. They wish her luck in her new business, but sure are going to miss her. Hunting applications are due soon. Hopefully, the crews will get lucky in being successfully drawn. In April, crews attended an LTAP Flagging class as well as Wildland Fire Training and Shelter Deployment classes which were taught by the Forest Service. James (Clay) Brunson trained Forest Service personnel on the dozer at the Buckhead Landfill. Brent Cline, Lenny Aceves and Richard Short have successfully completed the Asphalt Paving Application Training Seminar held at

## CONSOLIDATED ROADS & Shops



Empire Machinery in Mesa. At the Board of Supervisor's meeting held May 6th, Kenny Hicks along with several members of the Road Crew accepted an award on behalf of Consolidated Roads for their work on the Gila County Sheriff's Parking Lot. Also, accepting an award for work done on the Sheriff's Parking Lot was John Root, on behalf of the Auto Equipment Maintenance Shops.



**On Saturday, April 12th,** the Globe Clean and Beautiful volunteers and employees from the Gila County Solid Waste Department collected over 30 tons of metal for recycling in the annual Appliance Disposal Day, with a total of a 144 households bringing in appliances. In the last 3 months, 317 tons of metal has been diverted from the landfill and recycled. And some exciting news, the Solid Waste Department was recognized in the *Arizona*

## Solid Waste

*Pride*, a publication by Arizona Public Service for Arizona Clean and Beautiful. They were recognized for their work in conjunction with Globe Clean and Beautiful during the free appliance disposal event held April 12. "This was the third free opportunity in recent years offered to area resident to get rid of old, unwanted appliances that have become excess to our needs, free and easy," said Lee Baiza, Globe Clean and Beautiful chairperson. He added, "We owe tremendous gratitude to our county supervisors, ...and especially Sharon Radanovich and her staff...for sponsoring this event."

